

City of Chula Vista
Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes
July 15, 2004

Chair Perondi called meeting order at 6:31 p.m.

Staff Present: Buck Martin, Director of Recreation
Dave Byers, Director of Public Works Operations
Jack Griffin, Director of General Services
Larry Eliason, Parks and Open Space Manager
Brian Cox, Principal Recreation Manager
Ed Hall, Principal Recreation Manager
Tom Class, Parks Manager

1. Members Present: Commissioner Salcido (arrived at 7:25 p.m.),
Commissioner Ramos, Commissioner Perondi,
Commissioner Strahl, Commissioner Rios, Commissioner
Weidner (arrived at 6:39 p.m.)
2. a. **Approval of Minutes of March 18, 2004** – (MSC Strahl/Rios 4-0-1-0
(Ramos abstained))
 - b. **Approval of Minutes of June 17, 2004** – (MSC Ramos/Strahl 4-0-1-0
Weidner abstained) approve the minutes with the following correction:

Indicate Nora Smyth as present at the meeting, and page 3, 2nd to the last
paragraph to read, “that the horrible conditions that the golf course **was**
(not “is”) in due to
 - c. **Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair for Fiscal Year 2004-05** – (MSC
Strahl/Rios) to appoint Commissioner Salcido as Chair of the Parks and
Recreation Commission for Fiscal Year 2004-05.

(MSC Ramos/Strahl) to appoint Larry Perondi as Vice Chair of the Parks
and Recreation Commission for Fiscal Year 2004-05.
3. **ADA Compliance accessible play equipment report** – Mr. Larry Eliason (Parks
and Open Space Manager) reported that the City has 45 playgrounds that meet
ADA standards. The City does not have play equipment, such as Shane’s
Inspiration to accommodate children with severe physical disabilities. Mr.
Eliason further stated that staff is looking at future Parks and renovated sites to
integrate challenging features. Mr. Eliason informed the Commission that
playgrounds are inspected once weekly, in addition, they are inspected when staff
performs litter control. This is a top priority for staff, and currently, Public Works

Operations has two State certified playground inspectors. Mr. Eliason reviewed the playground matrix and playground monitor form.

Discussion held on Shane's Inspiration play equipment in current parks or integrating equipment in current parks.

Mr. Griffin (Director of General Services) informed the Commission that staff is looking specifically at Monteville Park for Shane's Inspiration equipment, and stated that it is a good opportunity for this equipment in the park, because of the active nature of the park. Mr. Griffin stated that the anticipated opening date of the park is October 2005. Mr. Griffin stated that the issue with not retrofitting existing parks is partly because the lack of proper slopes and cost.

Representative from Coast Recreation, Mike Eisert discussed different surfacing materials available to the consumer. Discussion focused on the resilient rubberized ground surfacing, and stated that accessible playgrounds could not be built by using woodchips as ground surfacing. Rubberized surfacing has minimal maintenance, and the cost is approximately \$15 per sq. ft.

Commissioner Weidner expressed her concern with kids being able to poke and dig holes into the ground surfacing.

Mr. Eisert responded that in order to have an accessible playground, rubberized ground surfacing needed to be used.

Commissioner Strahl inquired about attempts to forming partnerships with the Chula Vista Elementary School District to implement Shane's Inspiration playground equipment at Greg Rogers Elementary School.

Mr. Eliason responded that currently, Greg Rogers Elementary school was in the process of retrofitting their play equipment.

Mr. Byers (Director of Public Works Operations) responded that a newer park would benefit with Shane's Inspiration play equipment such as Monteville, because of its layout.

Mr. Griffin (Director of General Services) responded that Monteville play equipment would be built with ADA standards. In addition, staff is not looking at Shane's Inspiration equipment in a neighborhood such as Greg Rogers, due to the fact that it would be drawing from a wide area (not just Chula Vista community). Parking at Greg Rogers is not adequate.

Walk of Honor in Veteran's Park – Mr. Martin (Director of Recreation) informed the Commission about the Commemorative Brick Program. He stated that bricks would be placed in the walkway with engraving bearing the name of a veteran, active duty person or reservist. The contribution for a single brick is \$50, to receive a miniature replica the cost is \$25. Proceeds benefit Friends of Chula

Vista Parks and Recreation and the Chula Vista Veteran's Home Support Foundation. There are approximately 5,500 spots for bricks.

Response to Commission on action item voted down at the June 15th 2004 Commission Meeting – Mr. Martin (Director of Recreation) discussed the memorandum provided by Ms. Nora Smyth.

Response to Questions Raised at the June 17th Meeting and Subsequently on June 28, 2004 – Mr. Byers (Director of Public Works) discussed the memorandum regarding additional information on the golf course.

4. **Unfinished Business** – Commission Tour – July 24, 2004. It was Commission consensus to have the tour on Saturday, July 24, 2004. The tour will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at approximately 2:00 p.m.
5. **New Business** – None
6. **Written Communications** – None
7. **Commission Comments** –

Commissioner Strahl commended Mr. Tom Class for his proactive response to a tense situation during grading at the Bonita Library construction site.

Commissioner Strahl asked the following questions and requested the following information for the next meeting:

- a. Would the City (Public Works, City Manager) support Commission recommendation for a member of the Parks and Recreation to attend meetings held with the Chula Vista Men's and Women's Club presidents?
- b. What objection does staff have in seeking public input on the plans for the renovation of the Club House that American Golf is presenting?
- c. Survey of the Golf Course, who generates it, who sees it, how often will it be done, and will it always be the same survey?

Commissioner Weidner commented on the sand at Heritage Park, and asked for a status of funding for the skate park at Heritage Park.

Commissioner Don Salcido requested that an action item is placed on the Agenda for August regarding the golf course conditions and the oversight of the Golf Course be provided by the City Manager's office. In addition that a committee be established to include the president of Men's and Women's Club and others who may be interested to assist him.

8. **Staff Comments**
 - a. Recreation Monthly Report – Mr. Martin (Director of Recreation) discussed the monthly Recreation report.

- b. Public Works Operations – Mr. Dave Byers (Director of Public Works) informed the Commission that Mr. Tom Class was promoted to Park Manager. Also discussed the turf renovation at Chula Vista Community Park.
 - c. General Services – Mr. Griffin (Director of General Services) discussed the Design Build Agreement for Mountainhawk Park, and PAD Fee Increase.
9. **Public Comments** – None
10. **Other**

Adjourned at 8:45 p.m. to August 19, 2004